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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 12, 1999

APPLICATION OF

2ND CENTURY COMMUNICATIONS  
OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC990095

For a certificate of public  
convenience and necessity  
to provide local exchange  
telecommunications services

FINAL ORDER

On June 4, 1999, 2nd Century Communications of Virginia, Inc. ("2nd Century-VA" or "Applicant"), completed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. By Order dated July 26, 1999, the Commission directed the Applicant to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to 2nd Century-VA's application.

On September 21, 1999, Staff filed its report finding that 2nd Century-VA's application was in compliance with 20 VAC 5-400-180, the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service ("Local Rules"). The Staff

recommended granting a local exchange certificate to 2nd Century-VA subject to the condition that any customer deposits collected by the Company be retained in an unaffiliated third-party escrow account until such time as the Staff or Commission determines it is no longer necessary.

A hearing was conducted on September 28, 1999. 2nd Century-VA provided proof of service and proof of publication of newspaper notice as directed by the Commission's July 26, 1999, Order. At the hearing, the proof of service, proof of notice, the application and accompanying attachments, and the Staff's Report were entered into the record without objection.

NOW, having considered the application and the Staff's Report, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that 2nd Century-VA should be granted a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to Applicant's compliance with Staff's recommendation. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) 2nd Century Communications of Virginia, Inc., hereby is granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-463, to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. This certificate is granted subject to the restrictions set forth in the Local Rules, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(2) 2nd Century Communications of Virginia, Inc., shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications that conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(3) Should 2nd Century-VA collect customer deposits, it shall establish and maintain an escrow account, held by an unaffiliated third party, for such funds and shall notify the Commission Staff of the escrow arrangement. Any escrow arrangement established pursuant to this Order shall be maintained for such time as the Staff or the Commission determines necessary.

(4) Since there is nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be and hereby is dismissed.